

**Remarks**

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect species IL-18BP for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Consequently, claims 13, 14, 44, and 45 have been withdrawn. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants reserve the right to consideration of claims 13, 14, 44, and 45.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe no fees are currently due. In the event that any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby is authorized to charge our deposit account No. 50-0850. Any overpayments should also be deposited to said account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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